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To the Honorable Board Members of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Public Policy Center (PPC) Report

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Advise

LCR's – Health, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

- Continued planning and organizing content and scope for an LCR on the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and its interaction with Ohio's state law. This LCR will issue by August 31, 2013.
- Kept abreast of research topic for a former intern that may ultimately be used as the data basis for an LCR on cultural competency of public mental health care agencies.

In-District Legislator Meetings

Began planning an in-district meeting for Toledo legislators with Adelante staff.

Federal Engagement

- Reported to the community on the progress of the Senate immigration bill.
- Met with a representative from the U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- Contacted a the offices of a congressman and two Ohio legislators on behalf of a mutual constituent

Legislator Engagement

- Met with Senator Charleta Tavares regarding her participation in the 2013 Ohio Latino health summit
- Spoke with legislators of a constituent seeking resources
- Scheduled an August meeting with Senator Peggy Lehner



Deferred Action and Ohio law and policy

Worked with Ohio officials and community advocates to bring both to a better understanding of the interaction between Ohio law and the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Specifically:

- Met with community advocates on the issue of DACA and in-state tuition, and helped connect them to administrators and policy-makers in positions of influence.
- Met with officials at the Ohio Board of Regents and the Inter-University Council of Ohio regarding the issue of college tuition and DACA.
- Met with legislative staffers for Governor Kasich on the issue of DACA and college tuition
- Continued planning a Latino Community Report to be issued in August regarding DACA and its myriad interactions with Ohio law.

Agency Outreach

- Worked with the Human Resources Department at the office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine to recruit Ohio Latinos to his staff as attorneys and investigators. Issued an announcement with links and contacts to our e-campaign lists, published on the website and added to OLANet event calendar.
- Met with an attorney at the Ohio Board of Regents, regarding DACA and in-state tuition
- Met at the Ohio Department of Education to solicit their involvement in the planning and execution of next year's education summit.
- Scheduled initial planning and contact phases of the upcoming launch of the Inter-Agency Council

Connect/ Build

Outreach to Community

- Drafted original content and compiled media articles for one policy brief – Update on DACA and tuition, on 7/19/13
- Met with staff at Sofia Quintero Arts and Cultural Center in Toledo, began working with one staff member on a particular issue at Sofia Quintero.
- Met once more with Adelante's leaders in Toledo to assist in the planning of an upcoming in-district legislator meeting.

Public Policy Center Website Updates

- Finished delegating and overseeing the construction of all PPC pages for the OCHLA website
- Re-organized tracked bills, created links to LSC analyses and text versions for all tracked bills, under the issues to which they're most closely related
- Selected and oversaw construction of specific pages for the 14 most critical bills
- Oversaw the creation and translation of the first of several introductory website "presi"s.
- Began editing, polishing and updating content for final publication

Civic Engagement

- Began planning a regional legislator meeting with the staff at Adelante in Toledo.
- Oversaw a PPC intern as he created and translated the first of several "presi" flow-charts that ex-



plain a basic feature of the Ohio and U.S. governmental system for publication on the website. The first covers federalism.

Legislation Monitored

Added several bills to those the PPC is tracking, including:

- HB 163 – would add gender identity and sexual orientation to the state’s non-discrimination policy
- HB 176 – would expand Medicaid in Ohio under the ACA
- SB 119 – would extend the minimum wage to domestic workers
- SR 90 – urges the U.S. Congress to adopt immigration reform legislation

Education Summit Support

Continued planning the 2014 Ohio Latino Education Summit with OCHLA Commissioner Tony Ortiz, OSU’s Yolanda Zepeda and Dr. Raúl Soto and some colleagues of his from the Ohio Department of Education. Provided the committee with administrative support.

Health Summit Support

Provided support for the Latino Health Summit:

- Created a plan for handling presenters, volunteers, room assignments and audio-visual requirements.
- Began work on nametags and registered presenters.
- Arranged for Paul Coleman from Maryhaven to present at the summit.
- Attempted to procure attendance of three separate health-expert Republican legislators, but failed.

Constituent Inquiry

Answered and researched several constituent inquiries:

- Referred constituent to OCHLA’s list of attorneys
- Researched and prepared answer for constituent inquiry on available disability services. Technically answered the inquiry in August

Meetings Attended

- 7/1/13 – Nick Torres, Jessica Ramos, Brian Hoffman
- 7/1/13 – Carla Dowling-Fitzpatrick, OCHLA Assistant AG
- 7/2/13 – Scott Blake, Governor’s Legislative Staff
- 7/2/13 – Jose Cos, Ohio Hispanic Outreach Director, Molina Healthcare
- 7/8/13 – Nick Torres, Jessica Ramos
- 7/8/13 – Melissa Paskins, Central Services Agency
- 7/10/13 – OCHLA Staff Meeting
- 7/11/13 – Kathleen Madden, Jennifer Scott, Mike Murry – AG’s Staff
- 7/15/13 – Nick Torres, Jessica Ramos
- 7/16/13 – OCHLA Education Committee Meeting
- 7/16/13 – Michelle Chavanne, Legal Counsel at Ohio Board of Regents
- 7/18/13 – Ray Arrebalo, Searchable PDF Training
- 7/18/13 – Lisa Wolf, U.S. Department of Labor



7/18/13 – Everest Cruz, Intern Interview
7/22/13 – Nick Torres, Jessica Ramos
7/22/13 – Bruce Johnson, IUC Director
7/24/13 – Senator Charleta Tavares
7/26/13 – Guiselle Mendoza and Dr. Wendy Zeims-Mueller, Adelante in Toledo
7/26/13 – Meeting at Sophia Quintero Art and Cultural Center in Toledo
7/29/13 – Jessica Ramos



Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report & Latino Community Network (LCN) Report

Lilly Cavanaugh-Acting Officer

Improved Service Delivery-

- Provided support for the creation and distribution of the Latino Health Summit E-Campaigns and Outreach efforts.
- Created and launched the Workforce Investment Board Informational Webpage. The resource provides information on all Workforce Investment Boards and One Stop Offices in areas with high Hispanic demographics. This page is part of the outreach effort from the Workforce and Economic Development Committee which aims to make resources and information about job training accessible and easily available for Latinos.

<http://ochla.ohio.gov/OrganizationDevelopmentCenter/WorkforceInvestmentBoards.aspx>

RESOURCES

- One-Stop Locations by County
- Ohio Job and Family Services- Office of Workforce Development
- Ohio Job and Family Services-WIA
- More Information on WIA Training for Workforce Professionals
- Contact Information for WIBs
- WIA Youth Programs

What are Workforce Investment Boards?

The WIBs serve as the governing body over the One-Stop Shops in their area, as dictated by the WIA. These One-Stops offer services meant to help prepare the workforce for the needs of today's job market. These services include, but are not limited to: computer training, resume workshops, ESOL classes, and job search assistance.

Services vary by area and shop; to know what is available to you in your area please click on one of the links to the left (under WIBs in Latino Communities) and browse your WIB website.

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires that each WIA Area must have a Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to oversee WIA-funded Programs. The Boards must be composed of more than 50% private sector business members. It must also include members from educational entities, labor organizations, economic development agencies and representatives from each of the one-stop partners, and may include other individuals that the chief elected official may deem appropriate. The individuals of the board, appointed by the chief elected official, have "optimum policy-making authority."

REGIONS

- Area 1- Adams, Brown, Scioto, Pike
- Area 2- Medina, Summit
- Area 3- Cuyahoga
- Area 4- Lorain
- Area 5- Lake
- Area 6- Stark, Tuscarawas
- Area 7- Allen, Paulding, Putnam, Fayette, Jackson, Gallia, Lawrence, Muskingum, Licking, Coshocton, Guernsey, Williams, Fulton, Henry, DeFiance, Ashland, Holmes, Wayne, Knox, Delaware, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, Huron, Erie, Wood, Wyandot, Hancock, Champaign, Clark, Greene, Preble, Miami, Darke, Shelby, Clinton, Logan, Madison, Highland, Montgomery, Union
- Area 8- Augliize, Hardin, Mercer, VanWert
- Area 9- Lucas
- Area 10- Crawford, Richland
- Area 11- Franklin
- Area 12- Butler, Waman, Clermont
- Area 13- Hamilton
- Area 14- Athens, Meigs, Perry
- Area 15- Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Washington
- Area 16- Belmont, Carroll, Harrison, Jefferson
- Area 17- Mahoning, Columbiana
- Area 18- Trumbull
- Area 19- Geauga, Ashtabula, Portage
- Area 20- Fairfield, Hocking, Pickaway, Ross, Vinton

WIB IN LATINO COMMUNITIES

- Area 3- Cuyahoga County
- Area 4- Lorain County
- Area 5- Lake County
- Area 7- Montgomery, Greene, Clark, Williams, Fulton, Ottawa, Wood, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Sandusky, Henry, Seneca, DeFiance, Erie, Huron (92 more)
- Area 9- Lucas County
- Area 11- Franklin County
- Area 12- Butler and Warren Counties
- Area 13- Hamilton County
- Area 17- Mahoning and Columbiana Counties
- Area 19- Geauga, Ashtabula and Portage Counties

*This is only a partial list of counties. There are 20 boards serving 88 counties with 90 One-Stop Centers. These ten boards represent areas with Latino

OCHLA RESOURCES

- Workforce Investment Boards
- Available Grants
- Grant Writing Resources
- Capacity Building/Training Resources
- Other Resources
- Statistics & Demographics

Connect

MALCS Conference

The Ohio State University was host for the annual gathering of MALCS: Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (Women Active in Letters and Social Change) on Wednesday, July 17 – Saturday, July 20, 2013. MALCS is an organization of Chicanas, Latinas and Native American women, trans and gender non-conforming people dedicated to recruiting, supporting and retaining our numbers in higher



education and to creating knowledge for our and other communities.

Capacity Building

EDUCATION

Latino Education Summit 2014

Participated in the committee meeting organized by Dr. Raul Soto at the Department of Education to discuss summit's objectives and format. We had the pleasure of meeting briefly with the Department of Education's Superintendent, Dr. Richard A. Ross, who expressed his interest and support of the Education Summit and a desire to work closely with the Latino community to continue to improve the quality of services and access to educational opportunities.

Bridge Builders Forum - September 14, 2013

Our agency has initiated work with its partner, the Ohio State University, to host the Gates Millennium Scholars Bridge Builders Forum, a day-long interactive event designed to provide Ohio's underrepresented youth and parents the tools and motivation to complete high school and attend college. The program will help participants understand how to apply to college, learn about ways to pay for college and what to expect as college students.

The 2012 forum convened over 350 Ohio youth at the Ohio Union on the Ohio State's campus. Participants attended workshops designed to promote students success, including topics setting and attaining goals, preparing for college and taking advantage of scholarship opportunities. Representatives from over 30 Ohio colleges and universities participated in the college fair.

HEALTH

Latino Health Summit 2013

The Summit planning has been the focus of this month's activities. The event is now closed and we have reached the planned number of participants. All logistics are finalized, speakers are confirmed and our team is prepared to host the summit on Friday, August 9th. We are working closely with the Red Cross as well to launch the Latino Blood Donation Campaign, which will take place concurrent with the summit.

The Affordable Care Act—Implementation

Director Cavanaugh participated in briefing on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act – specifically the Health Insurance Marketplace. The call featured Administration officials from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) who discussed how the Marketplace will work, who will be eligible to enroll, and how to help enroll others in health insurance. Info on how to receive updates on implementation of the law and where to obtain helpful fact sheets was also shared.



The conference call included a question and answer period with Administration officials on these issues.

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Workforce and Economic Development Summit—November 7, 2013

Lair Marin met with Rafi Rodriguez and JJ Perez to discuss possible participation in the summit. Director Cavanaugh and Lair Marin continue to work with Rafi Rodriguez on the planning of this summit. Contacts have been made with the Development Assistance Center, ODJFS and Workforce Investment Boards to collaborate on the event.

Workforce Investment Boards—

The first set of reports should be made available from commissioners at the August Board Meeting. They have been tasked to attend the regional Workforce Investment Boards around the state. The purpose of this effort is to introduce the commission to the WIB's with highest number of Hispanics in their area, and learn about programs in place, outreach and inclusion geared to the Hispanic community.

New Webpage on Workforce Investment Boards and One Stop Offices-

Launched the new webpage and issued e-campaign to promote it. The page is a hub of information about the boards and One Stop Offices to provide Hispanics with easy to access and understand information to seek training opportunities that improve their skills to join the workforce.

EMERGING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Red Cross Hispanic Heritage Month Blood Drive—Sept 15-Oct 15, 2013

The outreach campaign suggested by OCHLA has been approved by the Committee. We will be engaging in this statewide educational campaign starting in August to promote blood donation during Hispanic Heritage Month throughout Ohio's cities with high Latino population.

Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards

- Finalized nomination packets, distributed those among commissioners and started receiving nominations.
- Worked with Lair Marin, Mary Santiago (Committee Chair) and LEON on the potential partnership for the DHO gala.
- Lair Marin coordinated the processing of nominations and prepared packets to commissioners for the selection of the 2013 awardees which will take place at the August board meeting.



Administrative Report

Staff Classification & Personnel Matters

- The Personnel Action Forms for the Public Policy Center Officer and Latino Community Liaison have been approved by the Governor’s office. We are waiting for final paperwork to implement the new positions.

Financials

- Prepared and submitted the disbursement scenarios for FY 14.
- Prepared internal cash-flow forecast for FY 14
- Work underway to finalize reconciliations for last quarter FY13 (some payments are still being processed for last of the year charges.)

Administrative

Our new administrative clerk, Fausto Rivas is working on several projects, including:

- Conducting an asset inventory, scheduling assets retirement, and warehouse organization.
- Participated in Asset Management training provided by DAS
- Met with Maggie Hood at DAS for an orientation on financial processes.
- Initiated the document management audit and review to bring to date the administrative files, purge and archive permanent documents per established procedures and make the filing systems more efficient.

Meetings Attended by Executive Director

- July 01—Lourdes Barroso, Melissa Cardenas
- July 02—Michael Schmidt, Auditors Office
- July 08—Human Trafficking Commission Meeting
- July 08—Brenda Delgado, CMS, US HHS
- July 09—Melissa Paskins (DAS)
- July 09—Ezra Escudero, Development Assistance Center
- July 09—Priya Ramnath, Building Management
- Jul 10—Maggie Toal, Governor’s Office
- July 11—Jennifer Scott, Kathleen Madden, AG’s Office
- July 11— Maria Sanchez, Bridge Builders Forum, OSU
- July 16— ODE Latino Education Summit Meeting
- July 16—Affordable Care Act (Conference Call) with federal officials
- July 18— Dayton Latino Connection meeting
- July 19—Lorena Mora, Interview regarding Latino Health Summit
- July 19—Juan Jose Perez
- July 19— MALCS Awards Banquet, OSU
- July 23—First Year Experience, OSU
- July 25—Sister Cities International, Raphael Garcia
- July 26—Guiselle Mendoza, Adelante (Toledo)
- July 26—Rudolfo Orta, Maria Rodriguez, Sofia Quintero Arts Center



July 26—Joe Balderas, Sofia Quintero Arts Center
July 29—Vicki McGillin, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, Ohio
July 31—Toledo Alliance Meeting (Toledo)
July 31—Robert Torres (Toledo)

Respectfully submitted.

